

Tiverton Conservation Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Meeting called at 7pm.

Attendees: Dr. Tom Ramotowski, Natalie Cote, Richard Guimond, Liz Cottrell, Tricia Hilton and Peter Mello

I. Public Delegations: Town Administrator

II. Approval of Minutes: meeting of Feb 25th and March 18th was not presented

III. Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$178.00 /check for \$209 was sent to Paul Press for the fourth grade/ Lloyd Center Pamphlets

IV. Brief announcements:

Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook is being updated. DEM wants input-Meeting May 6th

Conducting Effective Land Use Review, A Core Land Use Workshop, Wednesday May 28 at town hall.

V. New Business:

***CRMC Application /Cox/Residential Boating Facility/Sunset View Drive- brief discussion ensued, there was no consensus**

***Moreira Subdivision/Stafford Road/Watershed Protection Overlay District-discussion ensued 2 residences, large barn, cesspool on property.**

***Statewide Ban on Use of Plastic shopping bags. Discussion ensued, noted article in Providence Journal against proposal. Barrington only town that passed banned and seems to be managing the issue.**

VI. Old Business:

- Tiverton Landfill as "Storm Debris Storage Area" for Newport County?**
Town administration stated that there is a need for this. Members reminded him of the ongoing issues with the DEM. He requested that the emergency planners meet with the conservation members. Members requested that instead the DEM should meet to discuss the concerns.

***Review of "Watershed Protection Overlay District" Language/Tiverton Planning Board. Three meetings have taken place with good progress towards goals**

Setting up meeting with Loraine from URI to assist in alternatives to determining proper septic systems.

Noted, nothing in current language regarding Commercial/Industrial systems within the watershed. Use of a load model per acre was suggested. Discussion ensued with regard to Jamestown, Block Island, and Charleston all of which are using more advanced models. Members felt there needs to be a push to complete the sewer management survey. There is lack of compliance and no teeth in the current ordinance.

*** Tiverton 4-Corners-Change of Lot Designations from residential to Village Commercial.** Concerns were raised as to the current capacity of the septic systems on the 2 properties. More concerns were discussed regarding the Four Corners future.

- ***Town Zoning Ordinance for Earth Removal/Quarrying.** Discussion ensued all members raised concerns. Members will attend planning board and town council meeting to voice concerns. Requested that a professional Hydrologist review the proposed ordinance and to review current state of towns quarries for a professional opinion.

VII. Standing Committee Reports:

- **Town Comprehensive Plan Review.** (Ms. Hilton). There are meetings scheduled.
- **Litter Prevention Initiatives.** (Ms. Cote). May 3rd clean up date.
- **Stafford Pond Issues Update.** (Ms. Cote/Ms. Hilton/ Dr. Ramotowski)-discussed working with Councilman Gerlach on a public meeting. Additional letter sent letter to FAA, recommending decommission of Stafford Pond as a sea plane base.
- **Fogland Beach Issues Update.** (Dr. Ramotowski)
 - Hunting/Trapping at Fogland beach. DEM allows but zoning open space and conservation does not allow. Discussion ensued on how to reconcile.
 - further discussions regarding the future of the cul de sac road. Recommendation is to close road and provide access with a boardwalk.
 - concerns were raised that public is traversing wetlands with autos to reach the wind surfer area due to storm erosion.
 - reports of vandalism of the bath rooms and lots to trash on beach.Recommended plantings to encourage protection of dunes.

***Landfill Issues.** (Mr. Guimond).Landfill meeting is scheduled for upcoming Thursday.

VIII. Adjournment of meeting at 9:05PM